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BOTTINEAU GAZETTE

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Ch-Ch-Changes

In April 2019, the Minneapolis City Council will vote to change funding levels for neighborhood organizations like Bottineau Neighborhood Association (BNA) as well as the City’s requirements for how those neighborhood funds may be spent. The new rules will take effect on January 1, 2020.

Because of this, BNA’s Board of Directors has hired a strategic planning consultancy, Watson Durenberger, to help develop a long range plan for the organization. The draft results of this planning initiative will be revealed at the April 25, 2019 Bottineau community meeting at East Side Neighborhood Services (ESNS). Residents will get an opportunity to learn about and discuss the plan at that meeting.

Residents and business owners can make comments on the plan until the July 25, 2019 community meeting at ESNS. Final voting on any changes will occur at the annual BNA meeting on September 26, 2019.

Bottineau is in pretty good financial shape. Our neighborhood association will have paid back all the advances (debt) on the neighborhood contracts by the end of 2019. Further, BNA has a small savings account that is equal to 12% of the current annual budget of \$49,000.

Lewis Carroll wrote in *Alice in Wonderland*, “If you don’t know where

Neighborhood Development Meeting

February 28
7:00 p.m.
Bottineau Park
1900 Second St. NE

On the Agenda:

- Silo Area—Lander Group
- Thomas Leighton
- River Liquor Store—Common Bond
- Andrew Hughes

you are going, any road can take you there.” Unlike Alice, the Board will know where BNA is going before 2020.

Upcoming Bottineau Housing Developments

Two affordable housing complexes are set to be built in Bottineau. Gateway Northeast (on the River Liquor Store site) will have 127 mostly affordable units and two businesses on the first floor. Common Bond is the non-profit developer for that project. On the former silos and Mulberry Junction Community Garden site, Lander Group will be building 24 affordable townhomes and 58 apartments. This development will include a large lawn, pavilion and play structure.

Phone

Police, Fire and Medical
Emergency:
911

Minneapolis City Info:
311

Bottineau Neighborhood
Association
367-7262

3rd Ward Councilmember
Fletcher
673-2203

Hennepin County
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348-7882

Parks Commissioner
Meyer
230-6443

Bottineau Park
370-4958

Family Violence,
Domestic Abuse, Child
Abuse
673-3072

Housing Inspections
673-5858

East Side Neighborhood
Services (ESNS)
781-6011

Community Crime
Prevention
673-2797

Pierre Bottineau Library
630-6890

Minneapolis Park Board
230-6400

Minneapolis Solid Waste
and Recycling
673-2917

Traffic Enforcement
673-3443

Thousands of Ceramists to Descend on Bottineau

In late March, over 6000 ceramists (artists who work in the medium of ceramics) will be in Minneapolis for the 53rd Annual convention of the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts (NCECA). The crowd is expected to be so large that none of the Minneapolis Convention Center's ballrooms will be large enough to hold everyone who wants to attend the featured presentations. To accommodate the overflow crowd, a live stream will be piped to other rooms.

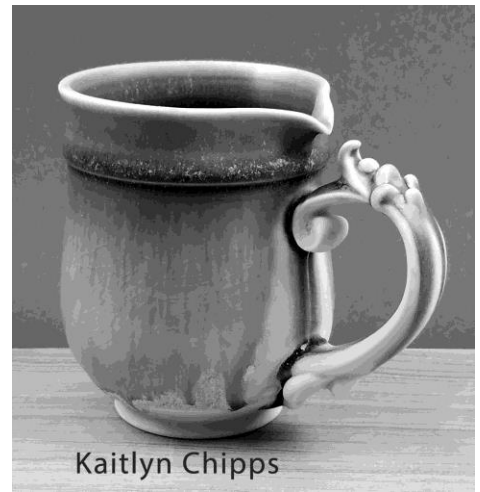
NCECA is the largest arts organization in the United States. It also has an international membership. The last time Minneapolis hosted NCECA was in 1995. Academicians, artists, corporations and galleries all work together to make this convention a grand affair. Artists and art lovers alike will be invigorated by the participation of world renowned ceramists and ample opportunities for networking.

Here in Bottineau, six ceramic exhibits will take place at the California Building during the week of March 25. One of these, at **Mojo Coffee Gallery**, will be a juried coffee mug show with a first prize of \$1000 and smaller cash prizes for second and third places.



Laura Cooper Elm

Taming the Dragon, by Laura Cooper Elm



Kaitlyn Chipps

Five honorable mentions will also be awarded in this show, as well as ten corporate prizes. Businesses like B&W Roasters will pick a favorite mug, buy it, then award a \$50 corporate prize to the artist.

In addition to the juried coffee mug show, Marko Fields, owner of Mojo Coffee Gallery, will be sponsoring other events at the California Building to honor ceramic arts, including three days of raku firing in the California Building Parking lot March 27-30.



Note: According to the Ceramics Art Network, raku firing, as practiced by ceramists and potters in the West, should technically be referred to as "American" or "Western" raku: a process in which work is removed from the kiln at bright red heat and subjected to post-firing reduction (or smoking) by being placed in containers of combustible materials, which blackens raw clay and causes crazing in the glaze surface.

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While the convention itself will run from March 27 to March 30, affiliated events will begin before the convention, and some of the Twin City's larger galleries, including the Walker, will have ceramic shows on display for weeks after the convention.

Though many Bottineau residents may be occasional patrons of Mojo Coffee Gallery, how many of you know that its owner, Marko Fields, was an Artist in Residence at Concordia College in St. Paul for more than 10 years? His work is widely exhibited, collected, and published. After 20 years in academia, he "retired" to open Mojo but still lectures at Concordia. Marko also served for ten years as the NCECA Publications Director, selecting academic research, reports and exhibitions for the annual NCECA Journal—academic flagship of the ceramics world. And he has a band (The Royal Hiptites) that will be playing at Mojo on Thursday, March 28. This will include a dance contest with cash prizes, so up your ante and get down with the groove tunes!

How fortunate we are to have Marko and so many other talented artists/makers/business owners in our midst!

Parks Community Meeting Update (Garden Anyone?)

Over 20 people braved the cold to attend BNA's community meeting on January 24. What we learned is that Bottineau Park will get a bigger and improved skate park, more benches at the new playground and an outdoor walking track that circles the

park. The parking lot will also be changed to create better access and more green space in the park. The new baseball diamond will remain as will the soccer fields.

Under this new plan, Bottineau is slated to receive improvements in eight years, as opposed to 20 years under the old plan. Thank Seth Nesselhuf for representing Bottineau on the East of the River Master Park Planning Committee.

Carrie Christensen (MRBP planner) and Cliff Swenson (MRBP Director of Planning) encouraged residents to apply for a community garden permit on park land by the Mississippi. The new urban agriculture policy passed by the MPRB board in October 2018 allows community gardens on park land. Many residents still miss the Mulberry Junction Community Garden. Contact BNA Neighborhood Coordinator Nancy Przymus (612-367-7262) if you want to help establish this new garden.

Air Pollution Action

In 2017, the MPCA leveled 17 fines for air pollution permit violations in Minnesota. Of those fines, 13 were forgiven. Why? Because the companies that were in violation promised to do better. None of these 17 fines were leveled against industrial plants in Minneapolis so we must have *really* clean air here in the city, right? Not so fast. Permits are very lax. The GAF Shingle Plant can emit 95 tons of VOCs (cancer causing agents) before the MPCA will fine them. A first violation would entail a forgivable fine that typically averages only \$1300.

GET OUT OF JAIL FREE for polluters, cancer for residents? Come to the **Air Pollution Action at 10:30am on Saturday, Feb. 9** in the California Building lobby (2205 California St NE).

Websites

Bottineau Neighborhood Association
bottineauneighborhood.org

BNA's Facebook Page
tinyurl.com/zmgldlw

Minneapolis
www.minneapolismn.gov

3rd Ward
www.minneapolismn.gov/ward3

Inspections
www.minneapolismn.gov/inspections

Hennepin County
www.hennepin.us

Park Board
minneapolisparcs.org

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
www.pca.state.mn.us

Public Education NE
publicedne.blogspot.com

Friends of the Mississippi
fmr.org

NE Minneapolis Arts Association
nema.org

Northeast Investment Cooperative
neic.coop

MN State Legislature
www.leg.state.mn.us

Minneapolis Crime Alerts
www.minneapolismn.gov/police/crimealert

Dislocated Worker Program
tinyurl.com/mn-gov-deed

Neighborhood & Community Relations
www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr

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Mark Your Calendars



- 2/9 Air Pollution Action, 10:30 a.m.
- 2/12 BNA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
2205 California St NE, Suite 107
(Call 612-801-7834 if door is locked)
- 2/28 Neighborhood Development Mtg, 7pm
(see page one)

Air Pollution Action

Feb, 9, 2019

*California Building Lobby
(2205 California St NE)
10:30 to 11:30 AM*

Air Toxins Must Stop!

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